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- 1 MR. MEYERS: Oh, me? Calvin Meyers, C-a-l-v-i-n M-e-y-e-r-s. My comments are more personal than there are with the tribe because the tribe hasn't had the time or the opportunity to even see the document because we don't have it. It wasn't sent out to us.
- 2 My comments to the document and all the documents that pertain to the Yucca Mountain Project is that
- 3 there's no government-to-government relationship between DOE and the Paiutes. I would say that I agree with everything that Richard mentioned earlier and that I'm in agreement with the extension of the comment period.
- 4 I am also concerned with not just the comment period, the time, that the information that we can give is very limited because of our lack of having scientific people on our reservation which goes again to the nonperformance of government-to-government, the Department of Energy, specifically the Yucca Mountain Project. The Yucca Mountain Project in this group has been almost entirely on the cultural side of the project. There's very little scientific side presented to us.

Some of the transportation issues that are -- since transportation is in the document, there are some issues that I have and I will give these to you because it's easier to read them than for me to go over them. But some of them I feel real strongly about and one of those is the spiritual aspect issues.

- 5... The Department of Energy -- I won't even go as far as saying the government -- wants us to show that these are spiritual places to us. It's not scientifically proven so most of the times they discount it as being just a bunch of baloney.

To me it's not a bunch of baloney. I've seen things happen. I've witnessed too many things to know that it is not just a bunch of baloney. I believe in what the land can do. I believe in what my elders have told me. I believe especially what my dad told me. And I've seen things happen that you can't explain, science cannot explain it.

Those places are spiritual places to me. Even though they are not on the reservation, they still impact us culturally speaking because if those places cannot be used or that spirit won't work any more because of the Yucca Mountain Project transportation of high-level nuclear waste across our lands and not just across the tribal lands, but across our ancestral lands, impacts us.

I'm afraid that if these things impacted, 50, 60 years from now what are our youth going to have? Are they really going to be Paiute people anymore? That's one of the great concerns of mine. That's why I'm working against the project because we need to keep those things for our future because that's who we are. That's the

5 cont. essence of being a Paiute in my mind is what we were taught, things that we leave behind for our generations to come.

6 Due to transportation the Moapa Band Paiute would be impacted a great deal by the use of Interstate 15 which runs at least 10 miles on the reservation and we would be impacted by the Union Pacific Railroad which runs about 11 miles on the reservation. They are both coming within a mile of our major source of economic well-being for the tribe. If perceptions were to come out that we're irradiated people will no longer come to our store and use us for anything else and we would be impacted in that area.

7 The community and social impacts in my mind my thinking is that when we have funerals on the reservations, if there's an accident other tribal people from other tribes cannot come and do their practice their culture in which we practice also. So that would be a great big impact. Some impacts also would be that kids may not be able to go to school because they travel I-15.

8 The thing that I really hold dear is that there's no government-to-government, there's no trust responsibility on the part of the Department of Energy Yucca Mountain Project. And the reason I'm saying this is because over the years the Yucca Mountain Project has never come to the tribe and said what can we help you with, what can we do for you? They have always stated what the tribe has to do, that they have to go to the Yucca Mountain Project. In my mind that's reversed because the Yucca Mountain project, DOE is the one that is doing the action, not the Moapa Band Paiutes.

I propose that DOE Yucca Mountain Project go beyond what they want to do and come to the tribe and request that the tribe -- request from the tribe what can we do for you. One of the things is I would like to see is have more education on the project itself on the scientific side because that has never been done.

I also have a problem with the Yucca Mountain Project DOE because the reason we can't speak educated enough on this Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement is because we do not have the expertise. We have not been given a penny to even go out to seek expertise. And that's a gross misconduct by the Department of Energy on the Yucca Mountain Project.

For now that's all that I want to say and I will say that the tribal council will be sending some kind of written statement and it may be the same as mine, it may not be, but we're going to have to think about that more. So that's the end of mine. Thank you.